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1. AT MAY 15 COCOM MEETING CHAIRMAN INQUIRED OF JAPANESE DEL WHETHER REF A CASE WAS ALTERNATIVE TO REFDS B AND C. LATTER REPLIED (AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED REF D) THAT JAPANESE AUTHORITIES WERE UNABLE TO TELL SINCE ROUTE INFORMATION ON B AND C NOT GIVEN. FRENCH DEL POINTED OUT VIRTUAL IDENTITY OF CIRCUIT LENGTH AND CHARACTERISTICS OF ALL THREE SYSTEMS, AND SAID CERTAIN CONCLUSIONS COULD WELL BE DRAWN FROM THIS FACT. NEITHER HE NOR UK DEL CLAIMED CASES WERE ALTERNATIVES, HOWEVER. OFF THE RECORD, FRENCH DEL PASSED ON CIT- ALCATEL COMMENT THAT CHINESE MAY HAVE INSTIGATED FRENCH AND UK BIDS TO GET BETTER PRICE FROM JAPANESE.

2. FRENCH DEL POINTED OUT THAT CUSTOM IN SUCH SYSTEMS
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IS FOR EQUALIZER UNIT TO BE INSTALLED BETWEEN EVERY 12 TO 15 REPEATERS. IN THE FRENCH CASE, SINCE THERE WERE ONLY 11 REPEATERS, NO EQUALIZER WAS TO BE PROVIDED. POINTING OUT THAT THE CONTRACT CIRCULATED WITH REF A SPECIFIES THAT THERE WAS TO BE ONE QUALIZER FOR EVERY 15 REPEATERS, HE INQUIRED WHY AN EQUALIZER WAS TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE JAPANESE FOR THE 11 REPEATERS INVOLVED. HE SAID FRENCH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY " VERY INTERESTED" IN JAPANESE REPLY, BUT, SINCE GOF HAD NO OBJECTION TO EXPORT, WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWER ON PAST FACTO BASIS.

3. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS FROM OTHER DELS REPRESENTED AT MEETING.

4. USDEL RESERVED IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTED, OFF THE RECORD FROM TTG REPORT, THAT BOTTOM PROFILE GIVEN IN FRENCH AND UK CASES DIFFERED FROM JAPANESE. STILL OFF RECORD, FRENCH DEL SAID HIS AUTHORITIES ALSO HAD RECOGNIZED THIS DISCREPANCY AND " HAD ASKED ABOUT IT" (OF WHOM, HE DID NOT SPECIFY.)

5. MATTER RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 29. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THEN.
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